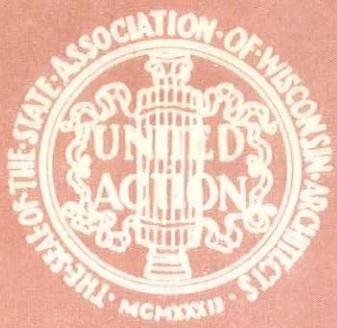


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PART II

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

NOVEMBER 20, 1948

(Continued from November Issue)

PRESIDENT PFALLER: I would like to say something along this line too, fellows. In your State Association as it is set up now, you pay five dollars annual dues, and you have been pretty much in line on contributing ten dollars, or more, the last year, and also a good share of us have contributed ten dollars already this year; so your dues in the State Association, with your contribution, would amount to, say, around fifteen dollars a year.

Now, if you are an Associate member of the new organization, you probably will not pay that much dues; if you are a Corporate member you will pay more; but if you already belong to the A.I.A. and to the State Association, you will again pay less, because you don't have the State Association dues or voluntary contribution.

MR. BROWN: Mr. Berners, just as my personal opinion, going back to your list of registered architects in Wisconsin who are not now members of either the State Association or the A.I.A., it seems that the opportunity to become a member of the A.I.A. is a little more attractive than the former State Association was, and it seems to me that the membership will become larger with this new setup than it has been in the past. That is just my personal opinion from an architect's standpoint.

MR. BERNERS: Elaborating on your remarks, there

are resident here in Wisconsin a total of 123 men who belong neither to the A.I.A. nor the State Association.

MEMBER: How many are actual practicing members?

MR. BERNERS: That, of course, is a difficult thing to determine. Some are in private employment; some are working for architects. Tomorrow they may be practicing architects. They are men who are registered. The number I have referred to in this tabulation refer only to men who reside in Wisconsin. There are more registered architects registered in the State of Wisconsin than these I have referred to. There are approximately 150, I believe, who are registered in Wisconsin, but do not reside in Wisconsin.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: Of course, they have done neither you nor any member of either organization any good; they have done nothing to promote architecture in Wisconsin. Probably a good share of those will not join this organization either.

MR. BERNERS: In addition to that, a good many of those men who are registered in Wisconsin, who do not reside there, are members of an association in their own state or, in a good many cases, are members of the Institute and are assigned to Chapters in their own areas, so there would be no point in being members of our society unless they wished our fellowship up here.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: I think, members, you should get up here now and express yourselves. This is your organization, and we would like to hear from everybody in this room this morning. If there is anything you have on your mind, get it off your mind and see if it can't be clarified. Don't be hesitant about getting up on your feet.

FRANK F. DROLSHAGEN: In the first place, I object to the name. I think it is entirely too long. I don't think it expresses the solidity of organizing an organization that is strong. It is a combination. It seems to me you start off with a combination of two. Maybe some day, as far as the public is concerned, will sound like one solid organization. Now, it sounds like two pasted together, a little of this and a little of that. I am for unification a hundred per cent. Maybe the thing to do is to try it out this way and see what the objection is going to be after it is functioning. At the moment I can't see where it is solidifying and making this thing one big, strong organization.

MR. BERNERS: In answer, Frank, might I say this: that there was some hesitancy on the part of the committee to even try to interject a name at this particular time, for much the same reason that you have expressed. We found, however, when we checked the By-laws of the Institute, there was a certain provision in there, and the committee felt we might just as well bring it to light now as to bring it to light two months from now when we probably would be faced with the same problem; and that is that the Institute By-laws provide the name of the state-wide Chapter begin with the name of the territory in which it is organized, so we have got to start with "Wisconsin" in any case. They also further state that we have to finish up with "The American Institute of Architects." What we put in between is our choice. At the beginning, or the end, we have no choice whatsoever.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: I would like to add to that for you people, that ten to one on your own stationery you will have "Wisconsin Association of Architects of the A.I.A." You won't write that all out. You will have "A.I.A." in there. I think "Wisconsin Association" is really on top of this thing at this moment. I think we are really in good shape.

MR. KLINGLER: The Wisconsin Association has 181 members, against 159 in the Institute.

MR. GAMBER: May I speak on that question of the name? It is true, that the Institute By-laws call for designation in some way that it is attached to the American Institute of Architects in the formation of a new state organization, but in the practical application of that, that is simply a formality. For instance, on the letterheads of this new association it would still be "The Wisconsin Society of Architects," or "The Wisconsin Association," or any name you might choose to employ. Underneath that would be some designation connecting it to the Institute. It could be "a Chapter of the American Institute of Architects," or it could be "Affiliated with the American Institute of Architects." In the practical application of this name in the states which have changed over to state organizations, I will mention Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Indiana, Alabama. In those states it is "The Alabama Society of Architects," "The Indiana Society of Architects." That is the name by which it is known. So I don't think you will have, in the practical application of this formula, any question about it being a state-wide organization of Wisconsin architects; because I think that is the intention behind the whole program, that the State Association shall continue to act at the state level as one unified body, but in order to be a component organization that it is so allied to the Institute. I think in all of these states they are having no difficulty in regard to the name.

MR. KLINGLER: I wish to make a correction of my figures. I got the organized architects. It is 159 State Association members against 119 of the Institutes.

MR. BERNERS: In further elaboration of those numbers, Emiel, and indicating also a trend, I have here the figures that were prepared two years ago when this question first came up, and at that time there were 83 Chapter members as compared to the 119, or a net gain of 36 in that interval. There were at that time 151 State Association members as compared to 159 at the present time, or a net gain of 18. So the ratio of gain in the last two years has been two to one for the Institute as compared to the Association. I believe, through that, it indicates that the architects are interested in organization. They want to join an organization to be united in fellowship with the other architects. I think that is the important thing, that we make gains in both the Association and the Chapter. I believe, if we have one organization here, our growth will be even more healthy.

WALTER M. TRAPP: Are there any figures indicating how many who are members of the A.I.A. are also members of the State Association?

MR. BERNERS: All but 22 of the A.I.A. members are members of the State Association.

MR. DROLSHAGEN: Mr. Chairman, assuming this unification will be adopted, how is it going to be

represented at the national convention of the A.I.A.? I assume that only those that belong to the A.I.A. can represent the A.I.A., and the rest of them will have no voice. As it is now, the State Association does have a voice by having a delegate representing the state. Am I right?

MR. BERNERS: That is correct, Frank, but beginning January 1, 1949, this State Association would have no further representation at the Institute national convention.

MR. DROLSHAGEN: That is what I mean. They would be out.

MR. BERNERS: That would be correct. The representation, or delegates, from the State Association would no longer be recognized at the convention. In representation of the new organization, only Corporate members could go to the convention; that is, more than Corporate members could go, but I mean go there in an official capacity.

MR. GAMBER: I might add to that. According to recent convention action the state organization, becoming a component organization of the Institute, is entitled to one delegate at a national convention. That is one. In addition to that, the Corporate members in the state organization would have their representation as it is at present, so many delegates, depending upon the number of Corporate members in the Association. So it would be that number, plus one. That applies all over the country.

MR. STRANG: Mr. Berners, I would like to ask you a question. I notice that in describing this setup you said that Associate members would have authority in all matters at the state level. I am in favor of unification, but I don't want any misrepresentation of the facts here. I understood last night, at our committee meeting, that that is not true; that Associate members could not hold state office. I would like clarification on that, so that everyone knows what the facts are.

MR. BERNERS: I attempted to clarify that by my statements with reference to Associate members. We did attempt to get information from Clair Ditchy this morning, who wrote the suggested outline of By-laws for the State Associations. Clair was not immediately available. We are still expecting a call to come through. But in checking with Leigh this morning, he recalls definitely that Associate members do have privileges in all matters pertaining to the State, and can hold office. They cannot serve as a delegate, however, to the national convention; but in all other matters they would have equal rights in the State Chapter or Association.

MR. STRANG: In other words, an Associate member could be President of our State Association?

MR. BERNERS: That is correct. That is my understanding from Leigh this morning, and we are striving to get confirmation from Clair Ditchy. If there is any change, when we come to organization it would have to be debated at that time. That is the best information we have this morning.

MR. REYNOLDS: Would there then be a fluctuation of dues between the different types of members?

MR. BERNERS: That would be entirely up to this body here to determine how you want to arrange your dues. To start with, if you are a Corporate member you cannot escape the dues that you pay

to the national organization. That comes first. From there on, however, it would be entirely up to this organization whether there be any difference between Corporate members and Associate members. The thought that was expressed in the committee was that there be no differentiation between the dues paid by a Corporate member or an Associate member to this organization, since both enjoy the same privileges.

MR. REYNOLDS: Except representation in the A.I.A.

MR. BERNERS: With that one exception. As far as Student and Junior Associate, there probably would be some differentiation in the fees or dues paid in those classifications.

PAUL BRUST: I think most of the men here are in agreement with the idea of unification. From personal contact, all I could talk to say, "Swell; let's go to it." The next then comes: What would be the logical procedure to follow right now to enact, so there is no delay, and so that we come to the right procedural steps to achieve this end promptly? What is the suggestion?

MR. BERNERS: We have no intent to rush this, but if you are ready for it the committee has a resolution to present to you.

MR. BRUST: In view of the fact that it has been considered now for five conventions that I can think of, I don't think we are rushing it; and in further view of the fact that most of the stuff takes too much time unless we get to something that is, let's say, studied and can be suggested as the initial form of procedure and rules, so that there can be later, say, recommended revisions as the thing gets under way; therefore, I recommend that we start with something definite right now. If necessary, I would even make a motion to that effect, so that this can be done. I so move.

MR. BERNERS: The committee has a resolution here that they intend to present whenever this convention is ready to consider the resolution.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: Mr. Brust, before we get a second to that motion, I am one of these fellows that would like to have everything cleared up in everybody's mind here, because we don't want anyone to go out of this room today feeling that we should unify, and say, "Why didn't they do this or that?" If you have got anything on your mind, no matter what it is, speak out. This is the time.

MR. A. C. ESCHWEILER, JR.: If this resolution is adopted, then does the organization we form have the name which Mr. Berners read here today?

MR. BERNERS: Not necessarily. Probably, if I read the resolution that we intend to present, we can get to a discussion of that later.

We intended whatever meeting follows this to form the new organization will have full approval of the name and all of the By-laws. The intent is to perfect the By-laws, have them approved by the Institute, bring them back to a meeting here called jointly by the Chapter and by the State Association, for the purpose of doing whatever need be done to those two organizations and on the same day, or within ten minutes of the same hour, effect the organization of the new organization. That was the hope of the committee.

Incidentally, it may be well to read the two resolutions. In the one that the Chapter has approved, there is some slight change necessary because of the action of the committee last evening between the two, and the Chapter may have to give further approval to the action. The earlier meeting presented a resolution to the Chapter that read in this manner:

"RESOLVED, That an organization of Wisconsin architects be formed as a Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. This organization shall represent the architects in the State of Wisconsin on both the state and national level. For purpose of meeting, the Association shall have several sections, each being a part of the State Association. The governing body shall have representation from each of the sections.

"The annual meeting of the Association shall be in the form of a convention to discuss problems arising from time to time, and to bring to the assembled group discussions on selected subjects. The meetings of the various sections shall be arranged by the respective sections.

"That the State Association have a class of membership who will be affiliates of the State organization."

That is where one of the changes comes in the resolution as presented this morning. That resolution was adopted by the Chapter, and there may have to be a slight change in it.

The resolution that is to be presented here this morning, and has been presented to the Resolutions Committee of this convention and has their approval, reads as follows:

"Whereas, the aims and ideals of the profession of architecture can best be furthered through one strong organization; now, be it

"RESOLVED, That this Association of Wisconsin Architects take immediate steps toward forming a new state-wide organization to represent the architects of Wisconsin on a state level, and to act through the American Institute of Architects on all matters relating to the profession of architects on a national level.

"Membership of the organization to be composed of present members of the State Association of Wisconsin Architects, The Wisconsin Chapter American Institute of Architects, other architects and other eligible persons."

The second resolution:

"Whereas, this convention of Wisconsin architects has resolved to unify all architects and other eligible persons in one strong state organization now, be it

"RESOLVED, That this convention direct its officers to call a special meeting of this organization in January 1949 for the purpose of perfecting the new organization."

ARTHUR L. SEIDENSCHWARTZ: In order to bring this properly before the convention, and so that discussion can be had, I move that we adopt the resolutions.

SYLVESTER SCHMITT: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: Motion made and seconded to adopt the resolutions just read. Is there any question?

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MR. BRUST: The final resolution mentioned a January meeting. Could there not be incorporated there, to a November meeting, and get that all out of the way at one time?

MR. BERNERS: Unfortunately, Paul, you probably could perfect your organization, but you couldn't adopt your By-laws until they are approved by the Institute. At least it would eliminate the need for making revisions in your By-laws if you did adopt them, rather than going to the bother of rewriting them and revising them if the Institute did not agree with the By-laws as approved here. That is the only reason. Probably it could be effected in thirty days, but that is a week or two before Christmas, and I don't know whether we would have any representation here at a meeting.

As far as the time — the month, or whenever it is — that is entirely up to this group as to when you want to effect it.

MR. GAMBER: Do you have your By-laws for this new organization prepared?

MR. BERNERS: Only in this outline form. That needs further study.

MR. GAMBER: If they were ready, I would be glad to take them to the Board meeting on the first of December, and probably move it along much more rapidly that way.

MR. BERNERS: We can make an effort to have some form of By-laws in the hands of the Board for the December meeting to see whether they can take action on it at that time. Does it require Board action, or does the executive body of the Institute approve it?

MR. GAMBER: The Secretary of the Institute can approve. If you follow fairly closely recommended By-laws for Chapters, you will have no difficulty. If they were ready I could take them to Mr. Ditchy, who is Secretary, and have him go to work on them on Monday.

MR. BERNERS: If this call had come through from Clair, I would have asked him to send along to us that outline of By-laws they have prepared.

MR. REYNOLDS: I notice the last wording on this resolution — would you please repeat it, the one moved and seconded?

MR. BERNERS: There were two resolutions here.

MR. REYNOLDS: The last one read.

MR. BERNERS: The last part of the entire resolution:

"RESOLVED, That this convention direct its officers to call a special meeting of this organization in January 1949" — and that date is subject to any choice you may want here — "for the purpose of perfecting the new organization."

MR. REYNOLDS: I am afraid I missed that. There is a sentence prior to that, types of persons eligible.

MR. BERNERS: ". . . Membership of the organization to be composed of present members of the State Association of Wisconsin Architects, The Wisconsin Chapter American Institute of Architects, other architects and other eligible persons."

MR. REYNOLDS: What does "other eligible persons" mean?

MR. BERNERS: Student or Junior Associates, drafts-

men; in other words, we have got to make provision for them somewhere.

MR. REYNOLDS: Is that so wide that it might be the gateway through which some undesirables might become associated?

MR. BERNERS: I suppose it could be unless the Board of Directors or the convention, in ratifying a set of By-laws which will set forth the qualifications for "other eligible persons" — in other words, the intent there was to set up Student Associates and Junior Associates. There is a question whether you need the Student Associate group.

MR. REYNOLDS: They will be taken care of by the By-laws, a definition of that clause?

MR. BERNERS: That is right.

MR. ESCHWEILER: Point of order. Can we adopt two resolutions at once?

MR. BERNERS: "Whereas, the aims and ideals of the profession of architecture can best be furthered through one strong organization; now be it

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PRESIDENT PFALLER: Will the man who seconded Seidenschwartz's resolution withdraw his second, and Mr. Seidenschwartz withdraw his original resolution?

MR. SEIDENSCHWARTZ: We will amend it to take in the first resolution only.

The seconder gave his consent.

MR. BROWN: There is nothing in there as to dissolution of the existing State Association. Is that being taken care of automatically, or does that have to come under some action?

MR. BERNERS: You can call a special meeting of the State Association on petition of a certain number of your membership, or on action of the Board of Directors, and the call of that particular meeting would be for the purpose of dissolution, or merging, or whatever you are going to do.

MR. BROWN: The adoption of this resolution doesn't automatically —

MR. BERNERS: We avoided having anything in this resolution to dissolve this organization, because we still need this organization until the new one is perfected.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: I will go into the matter of dissolution a little later.

You have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question? Motion made and seconded that we adopt this resolution. All those in favor of the resolution signify by saying "aye"; contrary. So ordered.

No. 2. Do you want to read that again?

MR. BERNERS: Whereas, this convention of Wisconsin Architects has resolved to unify all architects

and other eligible persons in one strong state organization; now be it

"RESOLVED, That this convention directs its officers to call a special meeting of this organization in January 1949 for the purpose of perfecting the new organization."

MR. SEIDENSCHWARTZ: I make a motion that we adopt this resolution.

SYLVESTER SCHMITT: I second the motion.

MR. A. C. ESCHWEILER, JR.: Should this resolution call for a joint meeting with the Chapter, rather than a meeting only with this Association?

MR. BERNERS: We could ask for a joint meeting, but I don't think we could direct the Chapter to meet with us jointly. I think that, again, would be a matter for this Executive Board to address a communication to the Chapter Board asking for this joint meeting so that the two could be dovetailed. I think a similar action to this will have to be taken by the Chapter. We can't act one for another.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: Are you ready for the question? A motion has been made and seconded to adopt this second resolution. All those in favor of this motion signify by saying "aye"; contrary. So ordered.

Now, while we are on this —

MR. BERNERS: Could I just amplify that? Carrying further your thoughts, it may be well, if you want to put that in the form of a motion here, that this convention request the Chapter to take action to meet with us at that particular time for the perfection of such organization.

A. C. ESCHWEILER, JR.: I should like to put such a motion because, otherwise, I think the record would show we are taking a sort of one-sided action here, and in requesting the Chapter to meet with us at this January meeting we indicate that that is the purpose of the convention.

MR. KLINGLER: I second that.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: You have heard the motion by Mr. Eschweiler, and seconded by Mr. Klingler — will you state your motion again?

A. C. ESCHWEILER, JR.: That we request the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to meet with us at the aforesaid January meeting.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: To make a request to the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Institute to meet with the Wisconsin architects in joint meeting. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor signify by saying "aye"; contrary. So ordered.

Now, Mr. Brown and Mr. Drolshagen, you asked a question. We have a little legal advice on this dissolution thing that I think you should know about, and the attorney says:

"I am informed that the State Association of Wisconsin Architects and the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, contemplating unification, will proceed under the provisions of Section 181.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which authorizes the merging of two or more non-stock corporations. This section requires a written agreement approved by the Directors of each corporation and duly signed and sealed by the proper officers of such corporations prescribing the terms and conditions of the consolidation

or merger and the mode of carrying the same into effect. The statute also requires the agreement to be submitted to the members of each constituent corporation at a meeting called separately for the purpose of considering the merger. If properly approved by the memberships under the law, certified copies of the agreement for consolidation shall be filed with the Secretary of State and a copy recorded with the Register of Deeds."

That will dissolve your Association and will dissolve the A.I.A., because we are two Wisconsin corporations. I see there is a little conflict there in having them each meet separately, but I don't think that makes any difference in here.

MR. STRANG: Mr. President, may I make an announcement? I would like to announce that Leigh has brought in two sets of working drawings of this one set, and all those who submitted plans for the Plan Book are entitled to have one of these. Any of the rest of you who would want to look at them are entitled to do so. I will have them up in front.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: The next order of business will be the report of the Nominating Committee.

T. L. ESCHWEILER: In view of the two resolutions we just passed, I would like to propose that we dispense with electing officers of this new organization because of the short duration of their holding office, and move that all present officers continue to serve until the January meeting.

FRANCIS S. GURDA: I second the motion.

GERRIT J. deGELLEKE: I am entirely in favor of the sense of Mr. Eschweiler's motion, but, if I re-

member correctly, we don't elect officers; we elect Directors.

T. L. ESCHWEILER: I will accept the correction and put in the word "Directors" instead of "Officers."

MR. BERNERS: Can I add to that? Following our procedure here, the Districts have nominated certain men to serve on this Board. It is going to be rather difficult for this convention to set aside those elections. I might be speaking for myself, because I happen to be one of those elected to this Executive Board. It makes no difference, because I was on anyway. But I just question whether we can set aside the action of the Districts in sending men as representatives to this Executive Board. I think in some way or another, we could word that, could we not, to include in this election all of the past members of the Board so that they would be re-elected by this convention, and if there are no other new members on the Board they would automatically be there for a period of a month or two.

MR. deGELLEKE: How do you determine —

MR. BERNERS: The names have been sent in by the Districts.

T. L. ESCHWEILER: They are then automatically members of the Executive Board.

MR. BERNERS: Your present Directors, plus whatever new Directors would be elected.

MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, isn't it possible that the State Association of Wisconsin Architects may have to function for a considerable time beyond the first of January?

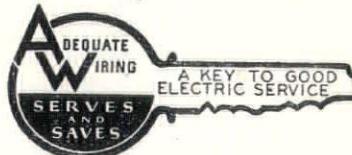
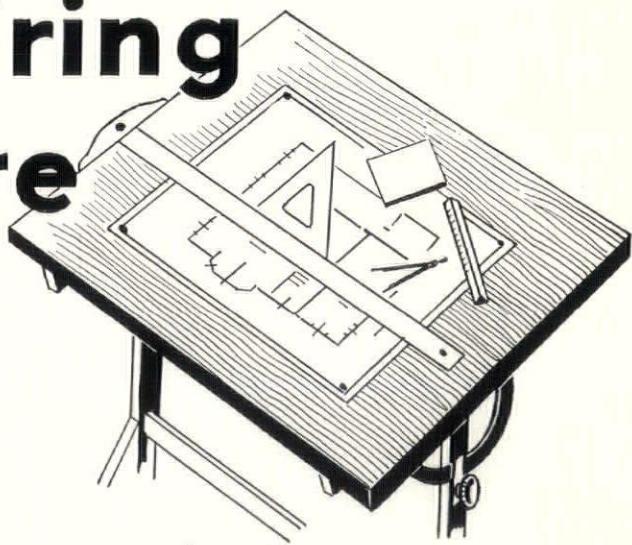
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PAUL BRUST: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Ted Eschweiler's motion is before the house; it has not been acted upon. Since there are some people here that do not feel that acting in accordance with that motion would be fully in accord with the By-laws of our present organization — I feel that way myself — perhaps it had best be voted upon, and if they do not agree with it they can go through with the procedure as originally contemplated.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: This is in accordance with the regular procedure, isn't it?

MR. BRUST: It is not, in so far as two of the Directors at large have been omitted, and one of them has scratched his name.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: What is your pleasure?

PERC BRANDT: Inasmuch as the sense of this meeting seems to be that the same officers shall preside, I don't know that it is so important that we have the same Directors. My question before was: Are all of the present officers included? I have no doubt that the Directors, when they assemble to elect the officers, will elect the same officers. I don't think any of this is necessary.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: Why not go on with our regular ballot as printed, make such other nominations from the floor as you desire, and then you are in full accord with your By-laws. If you want to make a new motion after that as to what you want to do, you can still do that.

MR. STRANG: A motion has been made and seconded; it must be acted upon.

MR. BRUST: The motion cannot be withdrawn, because the man who made the motion is not here now. It is my suggestion that the motion be voted down, but it must be voted upon.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: You have heard the motion that the present officers and the newly elected Directors —

MR. BERNERS: He changed it to Directors.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: The present Directors and the newly elected Directors be retained in office until the January meeting.

Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion signify by saying "aye"; contrary.

The motion was lost.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: So ordered. Thank goodness!

Now we will proceed with the election of Directors.

MR. BERNERS: Mr. President, I stepped out of the room for a moment. I would like to inquire whether Mr. Hunt's name is still on the list.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: Mr. Hunt's name is still on the list.

MR. BERNERS: I just want to say this: Even though Mr. Hunt scratched his name, if it is off the ballot I would like to do a little electioneering here and have him voted upon as write-in Secretary. He is the present Secretary and should continue to the dissolution of the organization.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: Leigh, I want you to do that, and I want you to know that if, through in-



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SECRETARY-TREASURER HUNT: That isn't the only reason. I have to get off. If it is only to January, I don't care, but I will never go beyond that.

MR. BERNERS: I know Leigh has told me privately time after time this was his last year as Secretary, but in view of the fact that it is only another month or two, Leigh, we would certainly want you to complete all of the work.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: When you cast your ballots, disregard the scratched name of Leigh Hunt, and it is still in full view of all of you.

If I can appoint some Election Tellers, will Mr. Strang and Mr. Rypel distribute the ballots?

Nominations are now in order from the floor for any other Directors. Don't hesitate to nominate anyone you desire here.

MR. BRANDT: Will you please name the missing Directors again?

PRESIDENT PFALLER: There aren't any missing.

A. C. ESCHWEILER, JR.: Kaeser and Williams are not on the ballot.

SECRETARY-TREASURER HUNT: There are enough men on the ballot to fill it up.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: On the question of voting, is it the consensus of this assembly that absentees who have legally, and in written form, provided a proxy for one of the other members — is it legally okay to have these men vote for them?

SECRETARY-TREASURER HUNT: We never have voted proxies yet in sixteen years.

MR. STRANG: The By-laws provide for them. We checked it last night. There is a proxy here that was filled out.

Are there any nominations from the floor?

MR. FREDERICK C. STEINHAUS: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: Motion made and seconded that nominations be closed. All those in favor signify by saying "aye"; contrary. So ordered.

We will now proceed with the election of Directors. Where is the ballot box, Leigh?

MR. deGELLEKE: I don't suppose I am against any of the By-laws, but inasmuch as you have only fifteen Directors nominated and fifteen Directors are to be elected, I would like to make a motion, in order to save considerable time, that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for the fifteen nominees.

NOEL ROSS SAFFORD: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: There is a motion made by Mr. deGelleke and seconded by Mr. Safford that the

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Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for the candidates listed upon the ballot. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of this motion signify by saying "aye"; contrary. So ordered. We won't have to count any ballots.

Will the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for these nominees?

SECRETARY-TREASURER HUNT: The Secretary, being instructed by the convention, casts the unanimous ballot for the fifteen candidates on the ballot as distributed.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: Now the meeting will recess for lunch. You can purchase your luncheon tickets right opposite the dining room. We will reconvene at one-thirty.

The meeting recessed at twelve-thirty o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

NOVEMBER 20, 1948

The meeting convened at three o'clock, President Pfaller presiding.

PRESIDENT PFALLER: Gentlemen, I think the first thing in order here would be the result of the telephone call that the chairman of our By-laws Committee and Unification Committee, Edgar Berners, received at lunch.

Ed, will you give us a little explanation? Everything we do here is above board, and we want you to know exactly what transpires. We might have done something before — I don't know — that might not have been quite as the law provides in the A.I.A.

MR. BERNERS: I had placed a call to Clair Ditchy, Secretary of the Institute, with reference to the question of what can an Associate member of the Association do; can he hold office or can he participate in the affairs of the Association?

Clair Ditchy's information to me by telephone was to the effect that the Associate member can participate in all things at the state-wide level. There was a question in his mind, because of the fact that the officers of the local Association will necessarily deal with Institute affairs at the national level. There was a question in his mind as to whether or not an Associate member could be an officer of the Institute. He didn't say definitely that he could not. However, the implication was that there was a very strong likelihood that he could not be an officer of the State Association.

Now, I don't know whether that leaves us any different than we were before. I don't know whether it changes our mind on this. If there is a very definite or serious change of mind on the action you have taken this morning, I think the convention could, and properly so, recall its action.

However, let's analyze it as to what the meaning of it is. After all, in this particular organization aren't we striving to unite ourselves in fellowship to further the aims of the Institute, and, after all, the aims of the Institute are the aims of the architects, professionally, at large.

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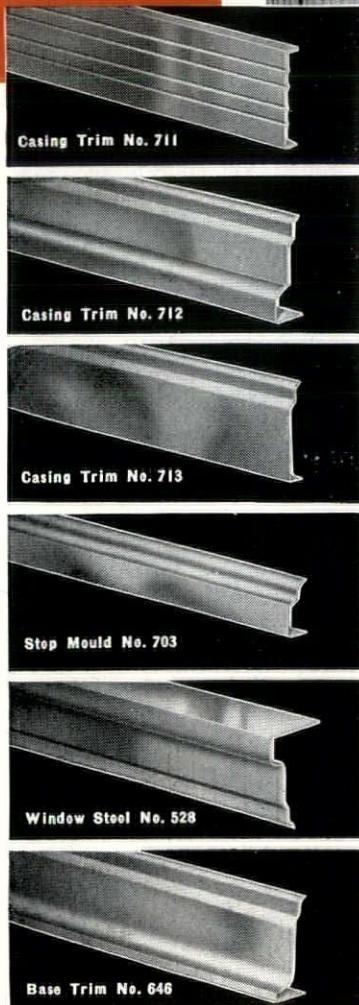
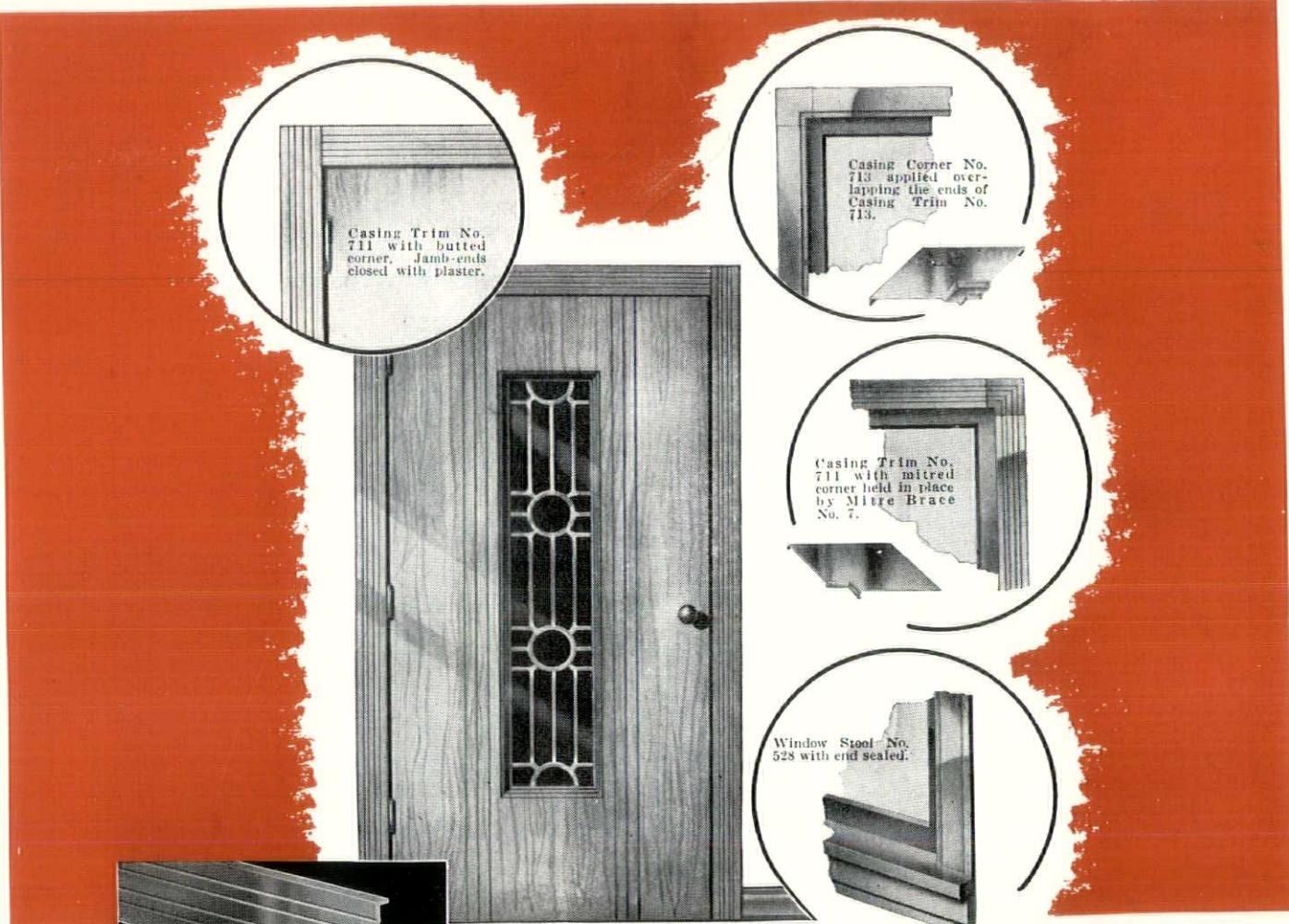
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